Price of Cement.

22. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state the market price of cement during the years 1116, 1117 and 1118 M. E.?

Mr. I. C. Chacko Market price in 1116—Not available.
do. 1117—Rs. 40 and 44 per ton.
do. 1118—Rs. 48 per ton.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether the market price is more than 12 rupees per hundred weight of cement?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No, Sir. No standard price has been fixed by Government.

Vanchiyoor Section of the Trivandrum Town Improvement Scheme.

23. *Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the town improvement scheme for the Vanchiyoor Section of the Trivandrum City has been fully drawn up;

(*b*) whether there is an evil smelling open gutter lying on the western side of the new High Court buildings at Vanchiyoor;

(*c*) whether the said gutter is kept in a very insanitary condition; and

(*d*) whether any steps have been taken to improve the present unsatisfactory condition of the gutter?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) No.

(*b*) There is an open gutter but it is not evil smelling.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (c).

Mr. James Fletcher: With reference to the answer to part (b), is the member aware that during the hot season, there are patches of stagnation water in the gutter bringing forth an evil smell?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Not in front of the High Court buildings where there is a masonry drain already built.

Cost of public works.

24. *Mr. James Fletcher: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has a schedule of rates for guidance in the preparation of estimates for construction of buildings;

(*b*) if, so, whether the schedule of rates is workable now;

(*c*) if the schedule of rates is not now workable, what is the percentage of rise in the schedule of rates;

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